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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY
DETERMINING THE ADHESION, FRICTION, AND
OTHER MATERIAL PROPERTIES OF A SAMPLE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING
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Please enter the following amendments to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

In claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

In claim 6, line 1, delete "or 5".

In claim 7, line 1, delete "or 6".

In claim 9, line 1, delete "one of claims 3 to 8" and substitute therefor --claim 3--.

In claim 11, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor
--claim 3--.

In claim 13, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor
--claim 3--.

In claim 17, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 16" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

In claim 19, line 1, delete "or 18".

In claim 21, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 20" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

In claim 23, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 22" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

In claim 24, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 24" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

In claim 25, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 24" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

In claim 27, line 1, delete "one of claims 14 to 26" and substitute therefor --claim 14--.

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